(*b*) No.

(*c*) The contractors make their own arrangements with the owners of trees to secure them for tapping. The trees are tapped and toddy drawn therefrom only after they are licensed and marked.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The signatures given in the applications are presumed to be genuine ones. In cases of disputes or withdrawal of consent, the departmental officers refuse to mark trees.

(*f*) No such applications are received.

Investigation about the condition of labourers.

19. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have ever made an investigation about the labour classes in Travancore on the following points:—

(*a*) whether the relationship of the labourers and their masters is strained or cordial;

(*b*) whether the labourers get sufficient remuneration for the work done by them;

(*c*) whether the economic and sanitary conditions of the labourers are sound and satisfactory;

(*d*) whether they get proper education and medical aid;

(*e*) the condition of women labourers and their children; and

(*f*) whether any special provisions and conveniences are provided in factories and other places of working for women and their children?

(2) If any investigation has been made, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the results of the investigation so made?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) In view of answer to part (1), the question does not arise.

Undergraduate teachers in the Education Department.

20. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer to question No. 230, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 15th May 1930 (page 578 of Vol. XVI of the Legislative Council Proceedings), that there is one trained intermediate teacher on Rs. 50-5/2-80, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason why one person alone was given the scale; and

(*b*) the reason why, among the F. A. trained, one person was given the scale of Rs. 75-5-100?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because the teacher is a woman.

(*b*) Because the teacher is a woman and had a long service of about 23 years.

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